

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus for handling a storage medium storing content data and metadata associated therewith, said storage medium being provided with on a surface thereof an information display area, comprising:

an extracting section for extracting, from said metadata stored on said storage medium, display data to be displayed in said information display area; and

an information display unit for displaying the extracted display data onto said information display area.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information display area is rewritable.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information display area is exchangeable with another information display area.

4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said information display area is constituted by a rewrite sheet.

5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information display unit displays, in said information display area, said display data by coding at least a part thereof.

6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a metadata editing section for editing said metadata in accordance with a processing result of said content data,

wherein said extracting section extracts said display data also from the edited metadata.

7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said content data include at least video content data and said information display unit displays, in said information display area, thumbnail image data extracted from said video content data on the basis of said metadata.

8. A storage medium which is accessed for reading and writing by an information processing apparatus, stores at least content data and metadata associated therewith, and is formed with an information display area on a surface thereof,

wherein display data extracted from said metadata is displayed in said information display area by said information processing apparatus.

9. The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein said information display area is rewritable.

10. The storage medium according to claim 8,

wherein said information display area is exchangeable with another information display area.

11. The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said information display area is constituted by a rewrite sheet.

12. A metadata display method for displaying metadata on a surface of a storage medium storing said content data and metadata associated therewith, said storage medium being provided with on the surface thereof an information display area, comprising the steps of:

extracting, by said information apparatus handling said storage medium, from said metadata stored on said storage medium, display data to be displayed in said information display area; and

displaying the extracted display data onto said information display area.

13. The metadata display method according to claim 12, wherein said information display area is rewritable.

14. The metadata display method according to claim 12, wherein said information display area is exchangeable with another information display area.

15. The information display method according to claim 13, wherein said information display area is constituted by a rewrite sheet.

16. The metadata display method according to claim 12, wherein at least a part of said extracted display data is coded to be displayed in said information display area.

17. The metadata display method according to claim 12, wherein said display data are extracted also from the metadata edited by said information processing apparatus.

18. The metadata display method according to claim 12, wherein said content data include at least video content data and

thumbnail image data extracted from said video content data on the basis of said metadata are displayed in said information display area.